

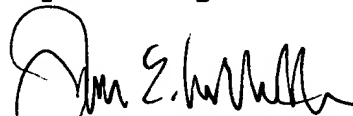
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The office action indicates that claims 9-13 are allowed and claims 15-17 and 20-22 are allowable. The subject matter of allowable claim 16 has been integrated into base claim 14, and that of allowable claim 21 has been integrated into base claim 19. Claims 16 and 21 have each been amended to recite a feature that was deleted from its base claim. Thus, the rejections applied to claims 14, 18, 19, and 23 are overcome and allowance of claims 14 and 19 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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